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of infant mortality, the birth rate, physical degeneracy, orphanage, juvenile courts, desertion, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases of children, employment, legislation affecting children in the several states and territories, and such other facts as have a bearing upon the welfare of children. The chief of said bureau may from time to time publish the results of these investigations.

SEC. 3. That there shall be in said bureau, until otherwise provided for by law, an assistant chief, to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who shall receive an annual compensation of two thousand four hundred dollars; one private secretary to the chief of the bureau who shall receive an annual compensation of one thousand five hundred dollars; one statistical expert, at two thousand dollars; two clerks of class four; two clerks of class three; one clerk of class two; one clerk of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; one copyist, at nine hundred dollars; one special agent, at one thousand four hundred dollars; one special agent, at one thousand two hundred dollars; and one messenger, at one thousand four hundred and forty dollars.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor is hereby directed to furnish sufficient quarters for the work of this bureau at an annual rental not to exceed two thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above bill was introduced by the Hon. A. J. Peters on April 13, 1911. It is known as H. R. 4694. It has since become a law and Miss Julia Lathrop of Chicago has been made head of the Bureau. R. H. G.

Proposed Penal System Commission Law of Maryland.—An act creating the Penal System Commission, and providing for the appointment of the members thereof and of a secretary thereto and employes thereof; prescribing its duties and directing it to investigate the penal laws and penal system of the state and empowering it to enter and fully investigate and inquire into the management and conduct of every institution in the state of Maryland wherein any person may be sentenced to confinement for violation of any law of the state; to examine all books and other records of any such institution and to summon witnesses and examine them under oath administered by an officer of the state authorized to administer oaths; and directing said commission to report the results of its investigations, with such recommendations as it may approve, to the next session of the General Assembly and appropriating the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of the expenses of said commission and salaries to the secretary and clerks thereof.

Whereas, it is deemed desirable to create a commission to inquire into and consider the provisions of the laws and the administration thereof relative to the sentence and probation of persons convicted of offenses, the length of service prescribed and imposed for the several offenses, the parole, probation and indeterminate sentence systems, the method of employment of convicted persons while undergoing sentence, and such other matters relative to the penal laws and the administration and enforcement thereof as said commission may deem advisable, and to report to the next session of the General Assembly the results of the investigations and the conclusions of the commission with recommendations of legislation that will adequately protect the people of the state from crime and at the same time work for the punishment and correction of the persons convicted; therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that a

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commission by the name of the Penal System Commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of eleven members, as follows: One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the President thereof; one member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the speaker thereof; two members to be appointed at large by the Governor, and the following members to be appointed by the Governor: one member of the Board of Directors of the State Penitentiary, one member of the Visitors of the Baltimore City Jail, one member of the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction, one member of the Federation of Labor of Maryland, one member of the Faculty of Johns Hopkins University, one member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, one member of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Maryland. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the commission as chairman thereof and the commission shall elect such other officers as it may deem necessary. The governor shall fill all vacancies in the commission and shall appoint to a vacancy a representative of the body, institution or organization whose representative caused the vacancy, but if the vacancy was caused by the death or resignation of one of the two members appointed at large by the Governor then the Governor shall fill such vacancy by an appointment at large.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, that the commission may appoint a secretary, who shall not be a member of the commission, to hold office during the pleasure of the commission, at a salary not to exceed the rate of \$2,500 per annum, and may employ such other clerks as it may deem necessary, but no member of the commission shall receive any compensation for his services, but the members and employes thereof shall be entitled to receive their reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the salaries of the secretary and clerks of the commission and for the expenses of the commission in carrying out the purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, that said commission be and it is hereby directed to investigate the penal laws and penal system of the state and it is hereby empowered to enter and fully investigate and inquire into the management and conduct of every institution in the state of Maryland wherein any person may be held or sentenced to confinement for violation of any law of the state, and it is further empowered to examine all books and other records of any such institution, and it shall be the duty of every official and employe of every such institution to testify before and give full information to said commission relative to any matter it may inquire into.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, that said commission is hereby empowered to summon witnesses to appear before it and to examine witnesses under oath administered by an officer of the state authorized to administer oaths.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, that said commission is hereby directed to report the results of its investigations with such recommendations as it may approve, to the next session of the General Assembly.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, that the invalidity of any section or of any part of this act shall not affect in any way the validity of any other sections or of any other parts of this act.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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